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## EDUCATION

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<b>École Normale Supérieure (ENS-PSL), Institut Jean Nicod</b> <i>PhD Psychology</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supervisor: Hugo Mercier</li><li>Thesis: How do we infer other's competence?</li></ul>	<i>Expected graduation: Fall 2027</i> <i>Paris, FR</i>
<b>École Normale Supérieure (ENS-PSL)</b> <i>MA Cognitive Science — ENS Diploma</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supervisor: Hugo Mercier</li><li>Final Year Ranking: 1/78</li><li>Thesis: One Feeling, Many Domains: The Consistent Appeal of Insight across Knowledge Areas and Modalities</li></ul>	2021 – 2024 <i>Paris, FR</i>
<b>University of Princeton</b> <i>Visiting Student Research Collaborator</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supervisor: Alin Coman</li></ul>	Feb. 2023 – Jun. 2023 <i>Princeton, NJ, USA</i>
<b>University of Cambridge</b> <i>Visiting Research Student</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supervisor: Lee de-Wit</li></ul>	Sep. 2022 – Jan. 2023 <i>Cambridge, UK</i>
<b>Sciences Po Bordeaux</b> <i>BA Political Studies</i>	2018 – 2021 <i>Bordeaux, FR</i>
<b>University Paul Valéry</b> <i>BA Philosophy</i>	2018 – 2021 <i>Montpellier, FR</i>

## PUBLICATIONS

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<sup>1</sup>*first author*

### Peer Reviewed Publications

- Mercier, M.<sup>1</sup>, Garsmeur, A. & Mercier, H. (2025) The Appeal of Insight: Why Riddles and Whodunits Captivate Us. *Psychology of Aesthetics, Creativity, and the Arts*. Advance online publication.
- Mercier, M.<sup>1</sup>, Dubourg, E. & Mercier, H. (2025) Insight-seeking is consistent across domains and distinct from other forms of curiosity. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 237, 113051.

### Working Papers

- Dubourg, E., Thouzeau, V., ..., **Mercier, M.**, ..., Baumard, N. (2025). The Cognitive Foundations of Fictional Stories. (*Under review*)

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Conferences

- In Search of Experts: Bayesian Inference of Knowledgeability from Minimal Cues** 2025  
*European Human Behaviour and Evolution Association EHBEA, Newcastle*
- The Appeal of Insight: Why Riddles and Whodunits Captivate Us** 2025  
*Explaining Culture Conference, Paris*

### Invited Talks

- How do People Judge Competence from Minimal Cues?** 2025  
*Laboratoire de Neurosciences Cognitives et Computationnelles LNC<sup>2</sup> - Social Cognition Team, ENS-PSL*

## TEACHING

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### Courses

- Introduction to Experimental Psychology** | *PSL University* 2025 – 2026
- Sole Instructor, Undergraduate Course, 30h
- Human Behaviour Culture and Societies** | *École Normale Supérieure (ENS-PSL)* 2024 – 2025
- Teaching Assistant, Graduate Course
  - Taught with Nicolas Baumard & Jean-Baptiste André

### Student internship supervision

2. Nina Vivier Barte, *undergraduate* 2024
1. Clementine Allais, *undergraduate* 2024

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- Data Scientist** 2023 – Present  
*Noèse*
- Radio Columnist** 2021  
*La Grâce Matinale & Anachroniques*
- Popular Science Writer** 2021  
*Phébé, Le Point*
- Private Teacher** 2014 – 2021

## SCIENCE OUTREACH

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### General Audience Talks

1. Interactive experience and game on psychological consequences of inequalities. **Nuit Européenne des Chercheurs**, Brest 2023